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In re Application of

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Title: APPARATUS COMPRISING A DISPLAY UNIT AND Display UNIT
SUITABLE FOR SUCH AN APPARATUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4-8 and 10 as follows:

1 4. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, characterized
2 in that the display unit comprises a light box situated underneath.

1 5. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, characterized
2 in that the display unit comprises a reflector situated underneath
3 for reflecting the light from a light source situated above it.

A' 1 6. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, for which the
2 display unit is of the liquid crystal display type implying two
3 crossed polarizers, characterized in that one of the polarizers is
4 placed at the back of the plate of optical fibers.

1 7. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, characterized
2 in that the diameter of the fibers which are in contact with the